

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, July 25, 1881, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Monday —July 25. (1881)? My dear Alec:

Your two telegrams yesterday were very welcome though I did want more full accounts of the president as they were all the news we could get since morning and we were very anxious. We had no idea of an operation until you told us. I am so glad the doctors think your instrument will be successful and only hope they will try it soon so that I can have my husband back. Poor Mrs. Garfield, how sorry I am for her. She must be a pretty brave woman to keep up her courage me that according to one paper the whole nation loans upon her courage. I hope that the worst is over but long for news. Daisy's picture was not very successful Friday so she tries again today. She is just now trotting around the room full of life and mischief unable to keep still a moment. Elsie talks about poor Mr. Garfield and wants to kick bad man that hurt him. I tell her Papa has gone to make poor Mr. Garfield well, but she wants to kick bad man.

It continues cool but rather damp here. We did have a scare the other day. Mrs. Gibe'n's boy had what looked like diptheria, however I think it is a false alarm, the child is well and bright today, but of course my children are kept far away and are very well and Dr. Putnam says there is no danger if they are kept away.

I send a cheque and some cards though I almost hope they may come too late. My love I love you very much and my thoughts are constantly with you.

Yours ever lovingly. Elsie Daisy.